

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION AU-  
THORIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2008*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6063) to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes:

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Chairman, I rise today in support of the NASA Authorization Act of 2008. It authorizes \$20.2 billion for NASA in FY 09, including \$1 billion to speed development of the Crew Exploration Vehicle and Crew Launch Vehicle.

This bill authorizes increased funding for vital aeronautics research after several years of cuts. In fact, it authorizes \$853 million for aeronautics research, a \$341 million dollar increase over FY 07 levels.

This includes continued funding for the next-generation air transportation system initiative—a collaborative federal effort to design a new air traffic control system that can accommodate increased air traffic, which is expected to double or even triple by 2025. This important work being conducted by engineers and scientists at NASA Langley will lay the groundwork for a more efficient, safer, and environmentally-friendly air traffic system that will reduce delays and allow our Nation to move more people and goods around the United States and around the world.

Madam Chairman, we know that investing in aeronautics research pays off. The aviation industry is the number one positive contributor to the U.S. balance of trade, with a net contribution to this balance of more than \$60 billion in 2007. This is directly attributable to our past investment in aeronautics research. EVERY aircraft, worldwide, uses NASA technology. And NASA Langley Research Center located in Hampton, Virginia has been at the forefront of developing many of these cutting edge technologies.

Engineering principles developed from past research at Langley have contributed to overall aircraft safety and efficiency through advances in wing design, noise abatement, structural integrity, and fuel efficiency. And it is important to remember that these principles were developed 5, 10, 20, or even 30 years before they led to improvements in the commercial aircraft we see today. Though we may not see the benefits of today's investments in research for several decades, if we fail to make these investments today, we will regret that decision 20 or 30 years from now. Our Nation's leadership position in aeronautics is made more secure by the commitments we make today.

Madam Chairman, this bill recognizes that aeronautics has been an essential part of NASA's mission since the Agency's founding 50 years ago. NASA's aeronautics research and development efforts, including the work done by the workers at Langley Research Center in Virginia, have made the United States the world leader in the aeronautics industry.

I commend Chairman GORDON and the Members of the Science and Technology

Committee for their hard work on this bill and for bringing it to the full House, and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

CONGRATULATING LARRY S.  
KEISER, ESQ., OUTGOING PRESI-  
DENT OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 18, 2008*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Attorney Larry S. Keiser, outgoing president of Temple Israel in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Attorney Keiser is engaged in the practice of civil litigation since 1971, focusing his professional time on commercial disputes, personal injury claims, workers' compensation and unemployment matters.

A graduate of E.L. Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre, Attorney Keiser graduated from Pennsylvania State University and Temple University School of Law. At Temple Law, he was a member of the Law Review, the Legal Aid Society and was named the Sylvan Balder Memorial Scholar.

Attorney Keiser is a former examiner for the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners, where he wrote and graded Bar Examination questions in the areas of torts and evidence.

He currently serves the Luzerne County Bar Association as Continuing Legal Education Chairman, an office he has held continuously since 1991. Attorney Keiser is also frequently called upon to serve as a neutral arbitrator and he has been a lecturer in programs run by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Luzerne County Bar Association.

Attorney Keiser is solicitor for the Jackson Township Planning Commission and he is listed in the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers.

In addition to having served as a Temple Israel board member and officer, Attorney Keiser has served terms on the boards of the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre and the Jewish Family Service. He has served several terms on the Federation Allocation Committee and is a past president of the United Hebrew Institute and the S.J. Strauss Lodge No. 139 of B'nai B'rith.

Attorney Keiser is married to the former Lynn Kaufman, who is the owner/chef of Supreme Cuisine catering. They are the parents of Jonathan, OBM; Lauren, an implementation manager for a software development company and Daniel, a student at Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Attorney Keiser on this auspicious occasion. His leadership and commitment to Temple Israel has been an inspiration to all whose lives he has touched.

HONORING DAN MEYER RECEIVING  
THE "LEADERS IN LEARNING"  
AWARD

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 18, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, tonight, Dan Meyer, a high school teacher from Mt. Hermon, California, will be honored with an annual Cable's Leader in Learning Award at a ceremony in the Library of Congress.

Dan Meyer, who teaches at San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, is one of just ten educators in the country receiving this prestigious award—and the only teacher to receive the award in his category, "Pushing the Envelope." Awardees in this category are recognized for the inventive and creative incorporation of video media to achieve greater learning and growth in the classroom.

As an algebra teacher, Meyer began producing short videos to demonstrate algebra equations to his students. The result of his pioneering technique was profound—Meyer reports students began picking up the algebra with shocking speed. When Meyer posted his instructional videos online, thousands of teachers began downloading the videos to take advantage of Meyer's innovative approach.

Education is one of the world's noblest professions. And Meyer reminds us all that education is not an act but a process—a process that thrives on the passion and innovation of those trusted with this great responsibility.

And so I am thrilled today to recognize Dan Meyer for his important achievement. As America continues its march into the 21st century I know that our future is secure so long as we have people like those being honored tonight to help educate our next generation of leaders.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RAFAEL ANGEL  
RIVERA COLLAZO

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 18, 2008*

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Rafael Angel Rivera Collazo for his contributions to photojournalism.

Mr. Rivera, a native of Puerto Rico, displayed a passion for photography early in life. Coming from a humble background, Mr. Rivera sold newspapers during high school and cleaned shoes to help support his family. It was during this time that Mr. Rivera met Mr. Millo Seijo, a well-known photographer, and his son, Mr. Bey Seijo. These individuals introduced Mr. Rivera to the world of photography. Soon after, local newspapers such as "El Mundo" and "El Imparcial" published Mr. Rivera's first photographs as a collaborator.

Mr. Rivera's increasing involvement in photography was temporarily halted when he voluntarily joined the United States Army in 1966. He was eventually sent to Vietnam in 1967, where he served with distinction in the Ninth Infantry Division, and earned various recognitions, including two Purple Hearts.